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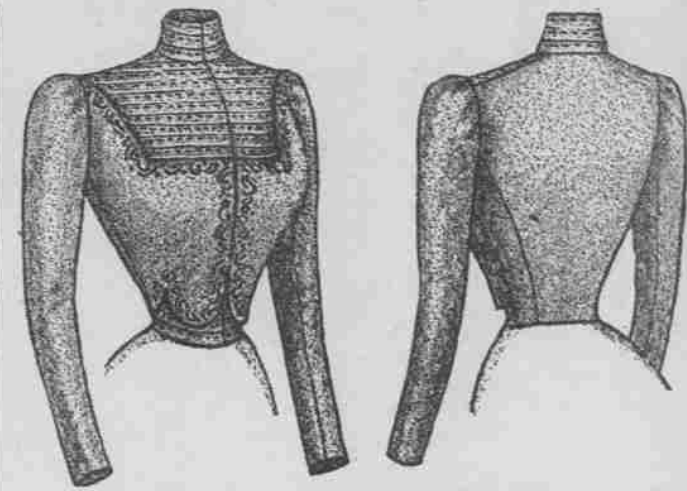
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Removal and New Year's Greeting.

WE desire to take this opportunity of thanking our customers for the patronage they favored us with during 1899, enabling us to increase our business over the year 1898, which demonstrates that you appreciate Good Goods at Low Prices with prompt service. We take pleasure in being able to say that we are starting the season of 1900 with the Largest Stock in the County and one of the largest carried in any store in Northern Kansas. We will move into our New Building on the southwest corner of the Court House Square, first door south of Shimeall's Clothing Store, the first of next week. We will only move the new goods out of our present stock, leaving all old goods at our old stand to be auctioned off for whatever they will bring, during the month of January. They must go. . . . We will not move any old goods to our New Store. . . . We have the best lighted rooms in the town. After the 10th of this month you will find us in our New Building with New Goods, but the same old accommodating courteous clerks, ready to meet all our old customers and friends. Come and see us—we want your trade. Will give you satisfaction at all times.

Wishing one and all a happy and prosperous New Year; and if you will make our store your headquarters and trading place for 1900 we will save you money.

.....YOURS TRULY,



WE KEEP COSMOPOLITAN PATTERNS



A. HANDY & CO.

Why you should trade with

C. M. COLE

BECAUSE you get your money's worth. Good, honest values at small profits make big sellings. We do not lay claim to the fact that we buy our goods cheaper than any other merchant in Phillipsburg—that would be a prevarication—every one knows that money is of equal value in this country. What we do claim and what we intend to show YOU, is that the smaller the profit, the larger and quicker the sales, the larger our acquaintance becomes.

We want to make friends, we want you to become one of our friends, we want your trade, and if we stick strictly to these methods we will get it. Ever since the first day we started in business about six years ago, we have steadily increased our trade and we shall endeavor to so merit your trade that we can keep on growing until some day in the not very distant future we can have a store that our patrons can point to with pride and say, "there is the largest store in town and a store where you can get courteous treatment." With your help and "Good honest values at small profits" as our guiding star we will attain that end.

Our fall and winter goods are beginning to arrive. A fine line of boots and shoes just received; come in and we can fit you. I most heartily thank my old friends and customers who have so faithfully stood by me in the past and courteously invite you and all your friends when you come to town to come in and trade with me and I will try and do you good.

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erous Philippine resolutions which are now on the table, whence they can be called up at any time, in order that it may be positively known whether a majority of the Senate intend to stand by Mr. McKinley's policy of imperialism. There is also some talk of the advisability of a caucus of democrats, both Senators and Representatives, shortly after Congress resumes work, for the purpose of mapping out a party policy on all important legislation, but there is some strong opposition to this idea, from those democrats who argue that the republicans being in full control of all branches of the government, the wisest plan for the democrats is to formulate no specific policy, but to assume the role of "Bro'er fox, he lay low," and content themselves with showing up republican blunders.

Providing a Candidate.

The republican press is generously devoting itself to the task of finding a presidential candidate for the democratic party. It assumes that a big conspiracy is in progress to defeat Mr. Bryan's nomination, that the same is going to be successful, and that the party will really find itself in want of a leader, the duty of furnishing whom devolves on the republican press. The last effort in this direction is by the St. Louis Globe Democrat, which trots out Mr. Gorman as a possible candidate.

The anxiety of the republican organs to retire Mr. Bryan is suspicious. They say that the democratic candidate is certain to be beaten, and Mr. Bryan by a bigger majority than any other man. Why then not let the democrats put him up in peace? By so doing, a greater republican victory will be assured. They say certain democratic leaders are conspiring to lay Mr. Bryan on the shelf, knowing well that defeat awaits them with him or any other man. If this is true, why should not these conspiring leaders put Mr. Bryan forward, on the theory that his second defeat will permanently retire him from the field of national politics?

The truth is that these editorials indicate a genuine fear of again meeting Mr. Bryan in a presidential race. He stands as a distinct representative of the people, and in opposition to all of the policies which the McKinley administration would enforce. He has the confidence of the people, and is possessed of qualities of leadership which are dreaded by the republican managers. To sidetrack him is the main object of their lives. They are not so disinterested, but that they would be glad to win—as they claim they will—the most decisive victory possible. Hence their anxiety to find for the democrats some candidate other than Mr. Bryan is the best possible reason why he should be nominated by acclamation, as he undoubtedly will be.—Rocky Mountain News.

When weak, Wary and Wasted from kidney diseases, why not try Foley's Kidney Cure, a guaranteed medicine. 50c and \$1 a bottle J. L. McCormick.

The daily papers announce the passage, by the lower house, of the new monetary bill in the same form as it came from the republican caucus. This is the bill if it becomes a law, and there is no hope of its defeat, that will fix the gold standard upon this country. It makes gold the only redemption money, and makes all government obligations payable in gold, instead of gold or silver as the law now is. Talk about trusts, there is no greater trust than this. You call a monopoly of a commodity a trust. How much easier it will be for a combination of national bankers to get control of the gold and thus control the currency of the country, than it would be if they had to buy up both gold and silver. The writer had many good, honest and sincere republican friends say to him in '96, "Stay with the republican party, it is the only true friend of silver. It has only put that gold standard business in the platform to hold those eastern states. Don't you see they also say in the platform that they are for bimetallism." And those friends believed what they said, and were in earnest about it. Had the then republican candidate for the presidency announced that he would, if elected, recommend for passage such a perfidious measure as has just passed the house, he would not have carried a state west of the Mississippi, and it is doubtful if he would have carried his own.—Hoxie Palladium.

Bryan's most intimate associate among New York democrats, E. V. Brewster, who is chairman of the democratic executive committee of Kings county, had a resolution passed by his committee last Tuesday declaring in favor of a government issue of paper currency having no qualities of redemption and for a constitutional amendment to empower the government to put such currency in use, to the exclusion of all other kinds. Some persons think this an indication that when Bryan is forced to drop the silver issue he will want to substitute the fiat money issue in place of it as the standard principle of the democracy.—K. C. Star.

A View of the Philippines.

The lecture by Chaplain Schliekmann of the 20th Kansas at the Armory Tuesday night was not as well attended as it deserved. The holiday rush this week has left little time for anything else. Rev. Schliekmann describes Manila, the character of its buildings and stores, the dress of the people, etc and gives an interesting account of the outbreak of hostilities and the progress of the campaign as seen from the standpoint of a 20th Kansas.

The Chaplain has with him an interesting collection of Filipino curiosities including guns, bolo knives, bows and arrows, etc. Mrs. Schliekmann, who was with the Chaplain in the Philippines, visited Hiawatha with him.—Hiawatha Democrat.

Farm Loans.

If you desire a farm loan call on W. H. Pratt & Co.

Nance. The ladies that sewed with Mrs. Clara Davidson were regaled with a fine dinner.

Mrs. Fouts was pleased to receive a Christmas visit from a brother-in-law from Nebraska.

Scholars who are enjoying the vacation at home are Frank Richard of Lincoln, his brother Rob, and Nerva Monk of Bloomington.

News of the death of Mr. Emery Mather, Vermillion, Kans., brought sorrow to his sisters Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Porter and Miss Mather and Mr. Monk.

Items concerning any entertainment of the Christian Sunday-school would not be considered an "infringement" as we are glad to learn any news of public interest.

Frank, Robert and Julia Richard agreeably entertained a company of young people Xmas. Pleasant surroundings, organ, violin and table cheer were all in keeping with the day. Mr. Bidwell remained for the occasion.

Saturday evening found a church full of people and children awaiting the "Yule Tide" service. The beautiful thoughts of praise embodied in song and recitation were instructive to all ages. While the rendition of the older ones gave pleasure, more attention was given to the efforts of the little ones. Even the base of the tall tree was stacked with remembrances of the occasion. Not far from it a handsome willow rocker was placed bearing the inscription, "Mr. and Mrs. Wensler, with the love of Lone Tree class." This was due to the loving thoughtfulness of Mrs. Gooder, while thanks are due every contributor to the grand whole. The services of Misses Mamie and Mary McCollough, Bertha and Mr. Garrett and Charlie Richard deserve recognition. It was no little thing to go from one to six miles two or three times a week to practice singing, but it brings its own reward, as Mrs. Gooder truly said when thankfully commended for untiring efforts, "I have my pay."

Dayton.

Happy New Year! P. O. S. Lowe is building a large barn on his farm.

Mrs. Penninger, of Nebraska, is visiting in this vicinity.

Mr. Schemper has purchased the farm known as the J. Q. Park place.

Charlie Mousley Jr. has bought eighty acres of land in the state of Walnut.

We understand that Mr. Williamson had quite an oyster dinner on Christmas.

Uncle Jimmie Hodge concluded that carrying the mail was too cold a job for such an old man as he so a colored man from Nicodemus is carrying it.

The schools are enjoying a vacation during the holidays, the teachers eating holiday turkeys and the kids hunting jack rabbits and raising Ned generally.

Washington Letter.

From our regular correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29, 1899

Senator Cockrell, the leading democratic member of the Senate committee on military affairs, is strongly opposed to the republican imperialistic, in reality plan for a large standing army, and intends to fight it every time it shows its head. He said on the subject: "The army establishment is provided for until July 1, 1901 and there is no necessity for legislation at this session on the subject. This gives us a year and a half to consider the matter and decide what had best be done. I am in favor of slightly increasing the artillery arm of the service, to take care of our sea-coast fortifications, but I do not think there is now, or will be in the near future, any occasion for a permanent increase in the number of infantry or cavalry regiments above that which has been provided for by law for a number of years." The republicans are too shrewd to make any move towards legislation for a large standing army until after the presidential election, but there isn't the slightest doubt that they intend doing so at next winter's session of Congress.

There is reason to believe that the Lawton fund will reach a total in the neighborhood of \$50,000 by next week, when it is to be closed.

Captain Sigbee and Chaplain Chudwick had charge of the funeral of the bodies of 150 of the crew of the battleship Maine, which was brought from Havana by pack and interred in Arlington cemetery. The

ceremonies were very simple.

Neither Mr. Quay nor his friends are acting like men who are confident of landing that seat in the Senate. They are in reality alarmed because of the large number of Senators who decline to say how they will vote.

The American Protective Tariff League has done many absurd things, but all its efforts in that line have been eclipsed by a circular-letter it has sent to preachers for the purpose of trying to get them to say that church collections are increased by a protective tariff. The ministers of Washington are inclined to resent this attempt to use them for political purposes. One of them, Dr. Alexander Mackay Smith, who voiced the opinion of most of them, said: "The weather cuts more figure in church collections than any tariff measure that could be framed. I have noticed that collections frequently fall off as much as half on a rainy Sunday. The attendance at the church is the greatest thing to be considered. If the gentlemen who are sending out the circulars can prove that more people go to church under a protective tariff than under a tariff for revenue, I will be inclined to think that there is something in their contention."

Secretary Gage showed his contempt for public opinion when he ordered something like a million dollars a day, the receipts of the government for internal revenue taxes, deposited in a favored New York bank, pending distribution among other national banks, but he may find him-

self in hot water on account of that order, as a Senator is quoted as having said of the order: "The only satisfaction Secretary Gage vouchsafes to the country is that it is a confidential arrangement between the treasury and the bank. That is a queer way to talk about the government's transactions, and I wouldn't be surprised if an effort should be made in the Senate to ask some sharp questions about it. I remember that a big muck was kicked up during Mr. Cleveland's administration because a much smaller sum of government money was deposited in widely scattered banks. In Jackson's time the same question was raised and the country sat down hard on the scheme."

The hearings in the case of Senator Clark, of Montana, which are to begin January 6, before the Senate committee on elections, will be sensational if Senator Clark proves, as he says he will, that the whole case against him has been a conspiracy, which having failed to prevent the Montana legislature electing him Senator, turned its schemes towards the U. S. Senate, with the hope of getting him deprived of his seat. Although each witness from Montana will cost about \$350, a large number have been summoned by the committee. Ex-Senator Faulkner, of West Virginia, is Senator Clark's chief counsel.

While there has been no agreement to that effect, the general tendency of talk among democratic Senators indicates a strong desire on their part to force a test vote on some of the num-